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Dear Parents

*'When little people are overwhelmed by big emotions, it's our job to share our calm, not join their chaos'*

The quote above really sums up to me, the key role that we have over the coming weeks as we piece by piece come back together as a school family. I continue to be proud of what we are achieving here at St Joseph's; the year groups that are now in school are doing well and the children feel safe to share their feelings. We appreciate the traumatic time that we have all been through and it is only by acknowledging that, that we can build our school again. Huge thanks to the Pre-school and Reception parents who joined me on zoom on Friday. It was lovely to see children and parents this morning, your children came in sensibly and are doing you proud.

The provision for Key Worker children is ever developing in line with risk assessments and evaluation. I want to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Jackson who has worked tirelessly to not only ensure that we have a clear register of key worker children daily but that with the increase in numbers, she has sorted equipment for each 'bubble' group to have enabling happy playtimes to continue. This is no mean feat I can tell you!!

I continue to enjoy my weekly virtual assembly, ask your children to keep writing those prayers and sending them to their class teachers. The prayer book on the website is getting quite full and we have a hard copy in school too. We are launching the Summer Reading Challenge so look out for more information on that in the coming weeks.

This week the plan is to phase back Year 5 from 22<sup>nd</sup> June. **This will take us to the maximum under these stringent measures meaning that we will not be able to bring back any more year groups before the end of this term unless any further changes occur.** However, I am looking at ways to allow the children that 'right of passage' from one year group to the next ie the opportunity to say goodbye to their teacher from this year and hello to their new teacher for September so watch this space for more information on that.

On a separate note, we will be continuing to give away our second-hand uniform at set times this week. We have had a good response so far. Starting Wednesday, we will put the rails outside the front entrance under the shelter between 10am and 2.30pm. We will inform you of the sizes available via text tomorrow. If you are interested then please do come along and take what you need, maintaining social distancing guidelines at all times.

As always, we will continue to be there for all of you and will continue to communicate with you regularly, keeping you abreast of all relevant information.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury  
Headteacher

